GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CHANGE IN LICENCING POLICY
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding change in policy of licencing and inspecting Agro-Centres which sells and keep stocks of fertilizers, insecticides and pesticides;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)to(c) Certain representations have been received for allowing stock/sale of household insecticides without licence. However, under provisions of Insecticides Act 1968, dealership licence has to be obtained for stocking/sale of insecticides/pesticides. Similarly, for stocking/sale of fertilizers also, dealership registration certificate is required to be obtained under provisions of Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985. State Governments are empowered to exempt the small dealers from the requirement of obtaining dealership registration certificates in inaccessible and low consuming areas. Some States have accordingly exempted the dealers holding the stocks up to 10 tonnes from such requirements.